

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

The dependency of Claim 97 has been amended.

The Examiner has required a "base" in part (a) of Claim 88. This requirement is respectfully traversed. There is no base present *per se* in the composition of Claim 88 and (b) further defines the polymer in (a). The claim has been reformatted for the convenience of the Examiner.

The remarks made by the Examiner in the Advisory Action mailed December 1, 2000 are not completely understood. The application addresses the use of the instant invention for pesticidal agents including insecticides, acaricides, nematocides, fungicides, herbicides, and mixtures thereof (page 5, lines 4-10), more particularly to any agent which is subject to inactivation by ultraviolet radiation. The Examples in the application are directed towards insecticides, not herbicides. None of the cited art addresses this issue. Accordingly, there is no motivation in the cited art to put together the various components of the instant invention to arrive at the desired composition.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

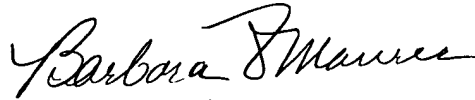
Copy of claims showing changes made.

88. (Twice Amended) A pesticidal matrix comprising  
(a) on a percentage-weight-basis, from about 1% to about 50% of a pesticidal agent,  
from about 5% to about 50% of a pH-dependent polymer, from about 0% to about  
25% of a plasticizer, from about 0% to about 30% of a ultraviolet protector, from  
about 0% to about 75% of a activity enhancer, and from about 0% to about 15% of a  
glidant; ~~and~~  
(b) wherein the polymer  
(1) contains ester groups and free carboxylic acid groups,  
(2) is partially solubilized due to the action of a base, and  
has a solubilization pH greater than about pH 5.5.

97. (Twice Amended) A pesticidal matrix produced by a process as described in Claim  
364.

If the Examiner believes a telephone call to the undersigned would favorably advance the prosecution of this application or narrow any outstanding issues, he is respectfully invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted



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